

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

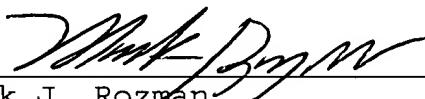
The Advisory Action mailed November 13, 2003 indicates that, among others, claim 4 is allowable. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of dependent claim 4. Thus claims 1-9 are patentable, in addition to the claims indicated as being allowed in the Advisory Action, namely claims 11-13, 16-18, 21 and 22.

With respect to claims 19, 20 and 23-30, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are patentable for the reasons previously discussed. Accordingly, Applicants will file a Notice of Appeal with regard to these claims.

In view of these remarks, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504.

Respectfully submitted,

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